

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 32 remain in the Application.

102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 3 – 7, 11 – 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 28 – 29 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Will (US No. 5,477,508). Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention as is neither shown nor suggested by the Will reference.

Applicants respectfully assert that the Will reference is not directed to the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 3 – 7, 11 – 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 28 – 29 and 31. Specifically the present invention, as set forth in independent Claim 1 recites in part “a plurality of buttons in communication with said processor”. To the extent the Will reference may mention a selector button [Col. 3 lines 29 – 30], Applicant respectfully asserts the Will reference does not teach a plurality of buttons in communication with the processor.

Applicant respectfully asserts Claims 2 – 10, 12 – 20, 22- 27, 29 – 32 are allowable as depending from allowable independent Claims 1, 11, 21, and 28 respectively.

With respect to Claims 7, 18 and 31, to the extent the Will reference may mention a delete record 171 [Fig. 11f] will delete the complete record [Col. 11 line 32], Applicant respectfully asserts the Will reference does not teach the application list (emphasis added) includes a cancel indicator for canceling the access (emphasis added) when the jog dial is depressed.

With respect to Claim 12, to the extent the Will reference may show an alarm indicator is highlighted [Fig.1], Applicant respectfully asserts the Will reference does not teach the presentation of the application list occurs while an application is active.

With respect to Claim 29, Applicant similarly respectfully asserts the Will reference does not teach presentation of the operating function list occurs while another operating system function is already being performed.

103 REJECTIONS

The present Office Action indicates Claims 1 -32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oh (US Patent No.6,771,250) in view of Kato (US patent No. 6,297,795). Applicant respectfully asserts that the present invention is

neither shown nor suggested by the Oh reference and the Kato reference alone or together.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as recited in Claim 1, is neither shown nor suggested by the Oh reference. Specifically the present invention, as set forth in each and every newly amended independent Claim, recites in part:

... a jog dial for accessing and activating one of said applications,
said jog dial coupled to said data bus.

To the extent the Oh reference may mention a multi-point switch [Col. 3 lines 60 – 65], Applicant respectfully asserts the Oh reference does not teach a jog dial for accessing and activating one of said applications, said jog dial coupled to said data bus. In addition, Applicants respectfully assert the Oh reference does not teach a plurality of buttons in communication with a processor. The present Office Action acknowledges the Oh reference does not teach a memory having RAM or ROM. Applicant respectfully asserts the Kato et al. reference does not overcome these and other shortcomings of the Oh reference.

The present Office Action alleges the Kato et al. reference teaches RAM and ROM and it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify Oh with the teaching of Kato et al. To the extent the Kato et al. reference may mention a

clicking operation can be performed by pressing the rotary switch for selection of an a menu item [Col 9 lines 20 – 25], Applicant respectfully asserts the Kato et al. reference does not teach activating an application. In addition, Applicant respectfully asserts the Kato et al. reference does not teach a plurality of buttons in communication with a processor. Applicant also respectfully asserts a person of ordinary skill in the art would not find a motivation or suggestion to combine the Oh and Kato et al. references.

Applicant respectfully asserts Claims 2 – 10, 12 – 20, 22- 27, 29 – 32 are allowable as depending from allowable independent Claims 1, 11, 21, and 28 respectively.

With respect to Claims 7, 18 and 31, to the extent the Oh reference may mention a power off item [Col.4 line 25 - 27], Applicant respectfully asserts the Oh reference does not teach the application list includes a cancel indicator for canceling the access when the jog dial is depressed. In addition, to the extent the Kato et al. reference may mention a wrap off, beep off and/or dial beep off [Col. 13 lines 15 – 20 and Col. 14 lines 57 – 62], Applicant respectfully asserts the Kato et al. reference does not teach a cancel indicator for canceling the access.

With respect to Claim 12, to the extent the Oh reference may show a blank item is highlighted [Fig.4, Col. 4 lines 21 – 22], Applicant respectfully asserts the Will reference

does not teach the presentation of the application list occurs while an application is active.

With respect to Claim 29, Applicant similarly respectfully asserts the Oh reference does not teach presentation of said operating function list occurs while another operating system function is already being performed.

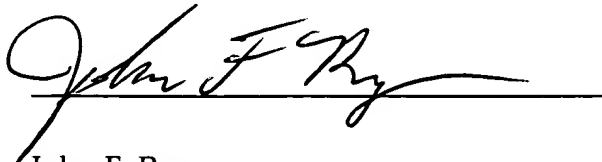
CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims. The examiner is urged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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